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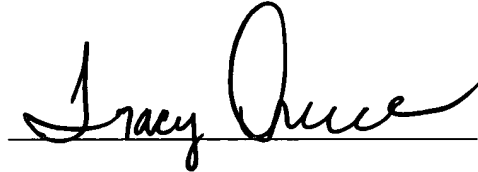
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Cite No.	Country Code – Number – Kind Code	Date of Publication (MM-DD-YYYY)	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	English
	B1	EP 0573901 A1	12-15-1993	Honda	Yes
	B2	EP 0300792 A2	01-25-1989	Isuzu Motors	Yes

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